

March 12, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, City of Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: REVISED - MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR
THE MEETING OF THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH
A POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Monday, March 17, 2008 - Noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee with a possible executive session has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference.

Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact Mayor James Cavanaugh at (623) 882-7782. For MAG staff, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REVISED AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

2. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*
BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3. Approval of Regional Council Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Executive Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

*3A. Approval of the February 19, 2008, Joint Regional Council Executive Committee and Building Lease Working Group and February 19, 2008, Regional Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*3B. Development of the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

3. Approval of the Regional Council Executive Committee Consent Agenda.

3A. Review and approve the February 19, 2008, Joint Regional Council Executive Committee and Building Lease Working Group and February 19, 2008, Regional Council Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Information.

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represents the budget document development to-date. The elements of the budget document are about 80 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*3C. Status Update on the June 30, 2007 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

The accounting firm of Cronstrom, Osuch and Company, PC has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on January 12, 2008 on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Single Audit report had no new or repeat findings. Two Management Letter comments were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. The CAFR financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. Management intends to submit the June 30,

3C. Recommend acceptance of the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2007.

2007 CAFR to the GFOA awards program for review. If awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2007 CAFR, this would be the agency's tenth consecutive award. This item is on the March 14, 2008 MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on the action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*3D. Revised Amendment to the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding from Sponsors for Upcoming Human Services Events

On March 11, 2008, MAG was notified that an additional sponsor would support the 2008 MAG Regional Conference on Housing and Transportation Human Services Coordination Conference. The Arizona Community Foundation will contribute \$5,000 to make scholarships available to conference participants. Also, on March 11, 2008, Casey Family Programs notified MAG that they will provide \$2,000 directly to Dr. Johnson for his presentation, "Preparing Youth for an Unsparing Global Economy."

By March 2008, MAG was notified that Southwest Gas, Arizona Department of Transportation's Arizona Rides Council, Valley Metro (RPTA), Veolia Transportation, Arizona Department of Economic Security, and the Arizona Council of Human Services Providers would support the 2008 MAG Regional Conference on Housing and Transportation Human Services Coordination Conference. On February 5, 2008, MAG was notified that Casey Family Programs would support the "How to Prepare Youth to Compete in an Unsparing Global Economy" presentation. On February 22, 2008, MAG was notified that an anonymous donor would support the process to develop the next Regional Plan to End Homelessness. It is necessary to amend the FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept these funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

3D. Information, discussion, and possible action to amend the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding from Sponsors for Upcoming Human Services Events.

**ITEMS TO BE HEARD
BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

4. Regional Office Center Negotiations

At the February 19, 2008, Regional Council Executive Committee meeting, the Committee recommended the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) and authorized the MAG Executive Director to enter into a preconstruction services contract with McCarthy Building Companies contingent upon approval of the Amended and Restated MOC by the other agency boards. Since that time, the Valley Metro Rail (METRO) Board provided a conditional approval of the preconstruction services contract, and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) Board approved the preconstruction services contract by a vote of 7 to 6. MAG staff is requesting direction regarding the METRO contingent approval, and the action taken by the RPTA Board, and the future direction for MAG.

For MAG to proceed with the Regional Office Center project, MAG would need to consider the amendment presented by the METRO Board and receive approval by the Regional Council. MAG staff is seeking guidance from the Executive Committee on the following: Whether 1) to accept the METRO amendment to the Amended and Restated MOC and proceed with the project; 2) to reassess the project in light of the questions being posed regarding the project, 3) to suspend work on the Regional Office Center project and, 4) to explore other options that may meet MAG's office space needs.

The Executive Committee may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussion and consultation with MAG's attorneys for legal advice and for MAG to consider MAG's position and instruct its attorneys concerning negotiations of agreements concerning the Regional Office Center and to consider the acquisition of property to meet MAG's future office space needs A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

4. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session to consider MAG's position and instruct its attorneys concerning negotiations of agreements concerning the Regional Office Center and to consider the acquisition of property to meet MAG's future office space needs.

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6. Adjournment